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In re application of

Docket No: Q67427

Michael Joachim WOLF, et al.

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For: NETWORK DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DELAY COMPENSATION OF DATA
PACKETS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant makes the following comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner's statement should not be misinterpreted as meaning that the identified features are the only patentable feature in any of the claims. The independent claims and the dependent claims include various aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement emphasizes certain aspects of the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, without inferring any particular emphasis from the Examiner's statement.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain

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Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance mailed May 25, 2006.

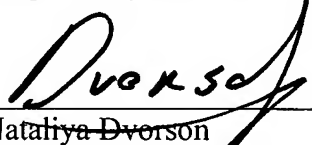
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